(b) Encroachments from the Government land are cleared from time to time. Recently DDA had organised demolition programmes in the area on 19-2-2000 and 26-4-2000.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir, but the demolition programme had to be postponed as sufficient force was not available. The DDA has, however, removed encroachment from public passage on 26-4-2000.

Issue of Tax Free Municipal Bonds

4552. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for permission to issue tax-free municipal bonds to give impetus to housing activities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken theron?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) The Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation has not received any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking permission to approve issue of Tax Free Municipal Bonds to give impetus to housing activities in the State.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

National Slum Development Programme in Orissa

4553. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been assisting States under the National Slum Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to each State during the last year/ proposed for the current year and activities for which funds are allocated; and

(c) the names of districts, towns and NACs of Orissa where the said scheme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented?